



## ALCOHOL LICENSES GENERAL INFORMATION

All licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages require a background check and are considered a license of privilege by the City of Las Vegas. Applicants will be required to submit a business license application, personal history and various financial documents for their business. Please see the Checklist for Liquor Licenses (Form # PL002) for requirements.

### BEER/WINE LICENSES

- **BEER/WINE ROOM: Origination Fee - \$7,500; License Fee - \$700 semi-annual; Additional Bar - \$400 semi-annual**

Beer/Wine Room authorizes the sale of beer and wine only for consumption on the premises where the same are sold.

- **Cinema** must have 800 permanent theatre seats and 20,000 square feet of gross floor area. (See Cinema General Information Handout (Form # PL237) for more details)
- **Nightclub** - see Nightclub General Information Handout (Form # PL238) for details
- **Restaurant**
- **Standalone bar**

- **BEER/WINE/COOLER ON-SALE: Origination Fee - \$2,500; License Fee - \$300 semi-annual**

Beer/Wine/Cooler On-Sale authorizes the sale of beer, wine and coolers only on the premises of the following:

- **Restaurant** only in connection with and during the consumption of a meal. Restaurant must have 30 dining seats available at all times.
- **Museum** only during the hours of exhibition, presentation or performance. The area must be segregated to be inaccessible to minors, except when minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- **Hospital** only as a complimentary service in conjunction with a birth of a child or similar special event.
- **Wedding Chapel** only when one bottle is given on a complimentary basis to a newly married couple for onsite consumption.
- **Limousine Service Company** only as a complimentary service the driver may provide one bottle of sparkling wine or champagne, no larger than 750 ml. for consumption only within the confines of the limousine during the specific trip for which is provided.

- **BEER/WINE/COOLER OFF-SALE: Origination Fee - \$2,500; License Fee - \$300 semi-annual**

Beer/Wine/Cooler Off-Sale authorizes the sale of beer, wine and coolers only in original sealed or corked containers. For consumption off the premises only. May be issued with the following:

- **Restaurant** must be licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages for an On-sale license under LVMC 6.50.040 (Beer/Wine/Cooler On-Sale). Restaurant must have 30 seats available at all times.
- **Convenience Store** must be at least 1,200 square feet retail floor space exclusive of warehouse and office areas. Fifty-one percent (51%) or more of gross retail floor area must be dedicated to convenience store merchandise, no more than ten percent (10%) of gross retail floor area can be devoted to alcoholic beverages. (Restricted Gaming may be allowed)
- **Grocery Store** must be at least 5,000 square feet of floor space area exclusive of warehouse and office space, no more than ten percent (10%) of gross retail area can be devoted to alcoholic beverages. (Restricted Gaming may be allowed)

- **Drug Store** must have a State licensed pharmacist present at all times; gross revenue of prescription pharmaceuticals must be in excess of 50% of the establishment's gross revenue. (Restricted Gaming may be allowed)
- **General Retail Store (formerly Specialty Merchandise Store, Mega Store)** must be at least 5,000 square feet of floor space area exclusive of warehouse and office space, no more than ten percent (10%) of gross retail area can be devoted to alcoholic beverages. (Restricted Gaming may be allowed)
- **Gift Shop, Resort Hotel Leased**

## **FULL ALCOHOL LICENSES**

- **RESTAURANT WITH ALCOHOL: Origination Fee - \$40,000; License Fee - \$800 semi-annual; Additional Bar - \$750 semi-annual**

Restaurant with Alcohol means a restaurant advertised and/or held out to the public to be a place where the primary business is to serve meals and has meals available for service at tables or booths during all times that the business is open. Alcoholic beverages may be served to adult patrons throughout the premises of a restaurant with alcohol, and adults accompanying a minor into the restaurant portion of the business may only be served alcohol in conjunction with meals at dining tables or booths. May have a lounge area for adults only. Must have at least 100 dining seats available (separate from bar and lounge seating). The seating area in the lounge area of a restaurant with alcohol shall not exceed (1) one bar seat or stool for each eight restaurant seats; and (2) one table or booth seat for each three restaurant seats. **Restricted gaming may be allowed – limit 5 slot machines.**

- **RESTAURANT SERVICE BAR: Origination Fee - \$30,000; License Fee - \$600 semi-annual**

Restaurant Service Bar allows alcoholic beverages to be sold from a restaurant service bar for consumption only in connection with meals served at tables on the premises of the restaurant where the same are sold.

- **Customers are NOT permitted to purchase alcohol directly from a restaurant service bar area.**
- **No lounge area is permitted**

- **TAVERN: Origination Fee - \$75,000; License Fee - \$1,200 semi-annual; Additional Bar - \$900 semi-annual**

A tavern license authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises where the same are sold, and authorizes the sale, to consumers only and not for resale, of alcoholic beverages, in original sealed or corked containers from a behind a bar or from a storeroom only, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold. A tavern licensee may not display or advertise such liquor for off-sale purchase by patrons, and any sales must be incidental to the on-premise sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Restricted and Non-Restricted Gaming may be allowed. The Tavern license may be issued with the following:

- **Cinema**
- **Night Club**
- **Resort Hotel**
- **Restaurant**
- **Standalone Bar**
- **Other Compatible Business Models**

- **PACKAGE LIQUOR (LIQUOR STORE): Origination Fee - \$40,000; License Fee - \$750 semi-annual**

Package Liquor allows the sale, to consumer only and not for resale, of alcoholic beverages, in original sealed or corked containers, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold. **Grocery Store, Liquor Store.**

- **Grocery Store** must be at least 5,000 square feet of floor space area exclusive of warehouse and office space, no more than ten percent (10%) of gross retail area can be devoted to alcoholic beverages. (Restricted Gaming may be allowed)
- **Liquor Store** must be at least 1,200 square feet of retail floor space exclusive of warehouse and office areas. Entry to minors is not allowed, except as provided for in LVMC 6.50.170. (Restricted Gaming may be allowed)

## **RESTRICTED LOCATIONS**

### **DOWNTOWN ONLY:**

- **TAVERN LIMITED: Origination Fee - \$20,000; License Fee - \$800 semi-annual; Additional Bar - \$500 semi-annual**

Tavern Limited allows the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises where the same are sold for businesses that are:

- **A themed establishment such as a restaurant or other venue**
- **An establishment that provides live entertainment at least two nights per week.**
- **ONLY in the Downtown Centennial Plan area.**

### **ARTS DISTRICT ONLY:**

- **URBAN LOUNGE: Origination Fee \$50,000; License Fee - \$1,000 semi-annual; Additional Bar - \$750 semi-annual**

An urban lounge license authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises where the same are sold only, and the sale, to consumers only and not for resale, of alcoholic beverages in original sealed or corked containers from behind a bar or from a storeroom only, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold. An urban lounge licensee may not display or advertise such liquor for off-sale purchase by patrons, and any sales must be incidental to the on-premise sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. An urban lounge license may be issued only at a location and with the following type of licenses:

- **Restaurant**
- **Standalone Bar**
- **Other Compatible Business Models**

## **SPECIAL FACILITIES**

- **BANQUET OR EVENT ESTABLISHMENT: Origination Fee - \$20,000; License Fee - \$500 semi-annual**

Banquet or Event Establishment authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption at specific unique events on the premises of a licensed banquet or event establishment. The intent is to permit a banquet or event establishment licensee to offer, sell and serve alcoholic beverages to persons associated with a specified unique event, such as a wedding or wedding reception, bar mitzvah, birthday party or similar unique event, but in no way permit a licensee to utilize a banquet or event establishment license to operate a recurring nightclub or tavern operation without the appropriate alcoholic beverage license.

- **GENERAL ON-SALE: Limited to Beer/Wine Only: Origination Fee - \$75,000; License Fee - \$1,200 semi-annual; Additional Bar - \$900 semi-annual**

General On-Sale authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of a licensed golf course establishment, a sports arena, a cultural establishment, a convention center or a theme amusement park where alcohol sales are incidental to the primary business.

- **HOTEL LOUNGE BAR (ANCILLARY LOUNGE BAR): Origination Fee - \$40,000; License Fee - \$1,200 semi-annual**

Hotel Lounge Bar authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of a hotel or mixed-use building subject to the following conditions:

- Minimum of 150 rooms (hotel or residential units)
- Beverages are served and consumed only at tables and booths located within the lounge bar area, within a hotel pool area, or within hotel rooms as an incident to room service;
- No gaming-related use may be allowed in the hotel lounge bar area;
- Maximum available customer seating in the lounge bar area does not exceed 50 seats.

- **NON-PROFIT CLUB GENERAL ON-SALE: Origination Fee - \$2,000; License Fee - \$200 semi-annual**

Non-Profit Club General On-Sale authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages by the licensee or the licensee's authorized employees only for consumption on the premises and only to bona fide dues-paying members of the club, and to member's bona fide guests. "Non-Profit" club means any non-profit corporation, association or organization which has been in continual existence for at least two (2) years prior to applying for a license under Chapter 6.50, and:

- Is organized or qualified to do business and operate under the laws of the state;
- Has tax-exempt status granted by the United States Internal Revenue Service;
- Maintains a membership of at least one hundred (100) active members who are residents of Southern Nevada, who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older and who pay dues to the non-profit corporation, association, or organization.
- Operates a club house, club room or meeting room in a permanent location which it owns or leases;
- Maintains a sign-in log that each member and the member's guests must sign upon entering the club house, club room or meeting room operated by the club.

- **LIQUOR MANUFACTURER: Origination Fee - \$10,000; License Fee - \$1,000 semi-annual**

Liquor Manufacturer authorizes the manufacture, production and bottling of alcoholic beverages of all kinds, including the brewing, distilling and rectifying activities associated therewith. The holder of such a license is subject to all Federal and State statutes and regulations.

- **WHOLESALE GENERAL: Origination Fee - \$10,000; License Fee - \$1,000 semi-annual**

Wholesale General authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages in original sealed or corked containers to any licensee for resale. A Wholesale General Licensee may ONLY sell to a properly licensed retailer; they may not sell to the public.

- Must keep on hand a stock of alcoholic beverages whose cost of acquisition is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more.

## **SPECIALTY LICENSES**

- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CATERER: Origination Fee \$4,000; License Fee - \$500 semi-annual; Permit Fee - \$25 per bar/per day**

Alcoholic Beverage Caterer authorizes the sale, pouring or serving of alcoholic beverages or the delivery of keg beer to the premises of a purchaser:

- By an alcoholic beverage caterer or the caterer's authorized employees pursuant to a permit;
- Only for consumption on the premises where the same are dispensed, served or sold, and only where the premises is at a commercial or other nonresidential location; and
- Only during the times, dates and places specified in a permit to provide alcoholic beverage catering services issued pursuant to LVMC 6.50.350.

**NOTE:** A Caterer may provide: Delivery of Keg Beer, Sale by the drink at a private event, set up a bar open to the public only subject to a special event permit, Provide servers and bartenders only for a fee

- **BREW PUB ANCILLARY (MICROBREWERY): Origination Fee – None; License Fee - \$500 or 1% of gross sales, whichever is greater, semi-annual**

Brew Pub Ancillary allows the manufacture and sale of malt beverages at an establishment as long as the primary license is a Tavern, Tavern-limited or Beer/Wine Room.

- **ANCILLARY SPECIALTY SALES/TASTING: Origination Fee – None; License Fee - \$500 or 1% of gross sales, whichever is greater, semi-annual**

Ancillary Specialty Sales/Tasting means the sale of alcoholic beverages for specialty sales, instruction or tasting. Each activity listed below requires a separate ancillary license:

- **Internet Sales** – Package Liquor Licensee with a grocery store or general retail store in excess of 5,000 square feet; for home delivery of alcohol.
  - **Instructional Wine-Making** – Package Liquor Licensee; for wine making classes.
  - **Tasting** – Package Liquor, Wholesale General or Beer/Wine/Cooler Off-sale licensee; for wine, beer, cordials or liqueur tasting.
  - **Individual Access (mini-bars)** at hotels, convention facilities or sports arena.
- **PERMANENT TRADE SHOW FACILITY: Origination Fee - \$60,000; License Fee - \$2,400 semi-annual; Permit Fee - \$25 per vendor, per location for event**
    - A parcel or contiguous parcels of land with one or more buildings located thereon consisting of minimum of two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) square feet of floor space that is designated and intended primarily to conduct one or more permanent trade shows annually.
    - Authorizes the sale, pouring or serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises where the same are dispensed, served or sold and only within the event times, dates and areas.
  - **TIME-LIMITED SPECIAL EVENT BEER/WINE/COOLER: \$50 for first bar/per day, plus \$25 per additional bar/per day**
  - **TIME-LIMITED SPECIAL EVENT GENERAL: \$100 for first bar/per day, plus \$75 per additional bar/per day**
    - Authorizes the sale of beer, wine and coolers only or general alcohol, and for consumption only on the premises of the location specified in the license. The license shall be limited to the period and times specified in the license and can only be issued in conjunction with an approved Special Event Permit issued under Las Vegas Municipal Code, Chapter 12.02.
    - Special Event means any event described as a special event in the Las Vegas Municipal Code 12.02.010.
    - Time-Limited Special Event licenses shall not be issued for any specific business establishment, in excess of two (2) four (4) hour period in any one (1) month period. Successive requests for Time-Limited Special Event licenses may be denied, if it is determined that the applicant is using such license(s) to circumvent the requirement to obtain a permanent alcohol beverage license.